



GREENSBORO URBAN AREA

Technical Coordinating Committee

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of January 20, 2000

10:30 a.m. Greensboro, NC

ATTENDEES

Jim Westmoreland	TCC Chair, GDOT	Jerry Dudeck	NCDOT
Mike Mills	NCDOT	Travis Marshall	NCDOT
Steve Kennedy	Engineering & Inspections	Ted Johnson	Airport Authority
Frank Wyatt	Engineering & Inspections	Gene Kimel, Sr	Pleasant Garden
Elizabeth James	GTA	Vida Covington	GTA
Tom Martin	Planning	Craig McKinney	GDOT
Ken King	GDOT	Dan Boyle	TMD, Inc,
Tyler Meyer	GDOT	Monique Rainville	GDOT

ACTION ITEMS

Recognize new TCC members / Appoint TCC Chair/ Approve October 21, 1999

Minutes

Jim Westmoreland welcomed Mike Mills, Division 7 Engineer as a new TCC member. Steve Kennedy moved and Frank Wyatt seconded an action to appoint Westmoreland TCC Chair. Motion carried. TCC minutes from 10/21/99 were approved.

Recommend TAC release of MTIP Amendment for Public Comment

Tyler Meyer reviewed the *Draft Amendments: Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program FY 2000 – FY 2006*. TCC earlier recommended TAC release the amendments to public review between January 24 and February 23. MPO public involvement policies will be followed in advertising and display in public offices. The amendments add four highway safety projects (including installation of two-foot paved shoulder on a 9 mile stretch of NC 68), two bus replacement projects, and the NC Air Awareness Program. These projects are exempt from air quality conformity analysis. The amendment can be found online at:

<http://www.ci.greensboro.nc.us/GDOT/planning.htm>.

BUSINESS ITEMS

PWP Draft

Tyler Meyer reviewed the draft Planning Work Program FY 2000-2001 (PWP). The draft PWP includes a list of special projects the MPO plans to undertake, expected levels of FHWA and FTA planning funds, and an itemized list of how these locally and state-matched funds will

likely be distributed across the planning categories defined in the *Prospectus for Continuing Transportation Planning for the Greensboro Urban Area*. The MPO will adopt the PWP on February 25.

SB 1164 – MPO Consolidation

Ken King presented a staff position paper and draft resolution opposing SB 1164. Issues of concern include: (1) proposed MPO redesignation process; (2) representation issues; (3) institutional issues; (4) funding issues; (5) integrated land use and transportation planning; (6) effective planning for transit, bikeways, and pedestrian facilities; (7) local road network improvement needs, and (8) need for serious study of these issues before any action is taken. Steve Kennedy inquired whether successful models meeting the intent of the bill are available. King stated that the collaborative regional planning model reflected by PART probably provides the most effective model for the Triad. The Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) might provide an alternative model. There, the Governor of Georgia delegated his approval authority over the Atlanta Regional TIP to the GRTA. Along with the GRTA's responsibility to review and comment on the Atlanta Regional Transportation Plan, this provides an extra level of regional authority over the plans and programs of the MPO and the state DOT.

OTHER ITEMS

Transit Services Plan

Dan Boyles, TMD Inc., updated TCC on the Transit Services Plan (TSP) by reviewing (1) plans for revised Career Express service to the Airport Area, (2) an analysis of transit service needs based on a Residential Transit Orientation Index; and (3) the data collection efforts leading up to a comprehensive ridership inventory including boardings and alightings. Discussion followed. GTA is pleased with the quality of the analysis. The TSP's recommendations will be presented to TCC and TAC after a February adoption by the GTA Board.

Division Engineer Update

Mike Mills reviewed the status and expected completion dates of major transportation projects and reviewed the upcoming project letting schedule: (1) the Southern Loop from Wiley Lewis to Elm-Eugene – (February); (2) the Friendly Ave Bridge Replacement over Aycock – (January); and (3) the Regional Road Bridge over Market Street – (May). The Friendly Avenue Bridge Replacement will involve some weekend closures of Friendly Avenue. Tom Martin highlighted the need to provide advance notice to UNC-G about the timing of these closures.

Airport Authority Update

Ted Johnson indicated that design is underway on the Regional Road re-routing up Burgess Road. The contract may be ready to let in March with work underway this summer. The Draft EIS for the proposed runway construction should be available in February with a Final EIS expected this summer. A number of roadway issues will need to be pursued in connection with this project.

NC 68 Corridor Improvements -- *Deferred*

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.